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Mary's cousin J.L. Lyons of Greenfield, a frequent correspondent, was an undertaker and owned a furniture store formerly known as Miles and Lyons.

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Access

The collection is open for research.

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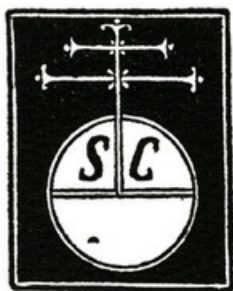
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